

both sides place a priority on getting this Center operational as quickly as possible. The two governments agreed to cooperate in the field of outer space and to hold early meetings of experts to consider specific issues and areas of cooperation in this field.

In addition, the leaders agreed to establish a special Joint Commission to facilitate cooperation in areas of high technology and scientific research and development.

Cooperation in Defense Conversion

The United States and Ukraine recognize that defense conversion is a priority task for each country and that cooperation will enable each country to meet that task more efficiently and effectively. To advance this cooperation, the two countries have established a United States-Ukraine Committee on the Conversion of Defense Industry, co-chaired by the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Minister of Engineering, Military-Industrial Complex and Conversion of Ukraine. On January 5, 1994, U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense Perry and Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Engineering, Military-Industrial Complex and Conversion V. Pavlyukov signed a statement of principles governing the work of this Committee. According to this statement of principles, the Committee will serve as a channel of communication between the Governments of the United States and Ukraine on the most important questions of cooperation in defense conversion.

Support for Ukrainian Reform

The two leaders continue to place the highest priority on the success of political and economic reform in Ukraine. The United States will provide up to 350 million dollars in economic assistance in Fiscal Year 1994 to support Ukraine's transition to a market-oriented economy and a democratic society. The United States extends this assistance with the understanding that full disbursement of this assistance will be contingent on Ukraine's proceeding with its process of reform, without which this assistance cannot be fully effective.

The United States and Ukraine also agree that international financial institutions, particularly the IMF and the IBRD, have an essential role to play in helping Ukraine create and implement a comprehensive reform

program. The international financial institutions can provide significant financial resources to support such a program. The United States encourages Ukraine to work closely with the IMF and the IBRD in implementing a program of bold economic reforms. The United States, for its part, is prepared to exercise leadership within the G-7 to mobilize additional, multilateral assistance to support a comprehensive reform program.

Both sides recognize that the extent of commercial and economic cooperation currently existing between the two countries is far below its potential. They agree that the principles and objectives elaborated in this statement are the best basis upon which to expand rapidly trade and investment. The United States and Ukraine acknowledge, however, that before the full potential of their trade and economic cooperation can be realized, Ukraine must intensify adoption of a free-market system, including such elements as a dynamic private sector, the freeing of prices, and a fully convertible currency. The United States and Ukraine agree to work together to achieve these goals and to continue a process of reform which will provide the basis for the future prosperity of the Ukrainian people.

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this joint statement.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 28

In the morning, the President traveled to Chicago, IL. In the late morning, he spoke by telephone with Nancy Kerrigan, Olympic silver medal figure skater.

In the afternoon, he traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, where he met with Prime Minister John Major of the United Kingdom.

In the evening, the President and Prime Minister John Major returned to the White House.

The President declared that major disasters exist in the States of Tennessee, Louisiana, and Arkansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in areas struck by severe winter ice storms and flash flooding from February 9 to 12.

March 1

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Prime Minister John Major.

March 2

In the evening, the President taped interviews with "CBS This Morning" and "ABC World News".

March 3

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa of Japan.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 28

David M. Ransom,
of the District of Columbia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Bahrain.

Submitted March 2

Ralph R. Johnson,
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Coordinator of the Support for East European Democracy (SEED) Program.

Charles H. Twining,
of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor,

to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Cambodia.

Marion M. Dawson,
of Connecticut, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 1999, vice John Train, term expired.

Jere Walton Glover,
of Maryland, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, vice Thomas P. Kerester, resigned.

Maria Elena Torano,
of Florida, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 1994, vice Richard B. Stone, term expired.

Maria Elena Torano,
of Florida, to be a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy for a term expiring July 1, 1997 (reappointment).

Submitted March 3

Joe Scroggins, Jr.,
of Florida, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 1995, vice Christopher L. Koch, resigned.

Submitted March 4

Jamie S. Gorelick,
of Maryland, to be Deputy Attorney General, vice Philip Benjamin Heymann, resigned.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released March 1

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers

Transcript of a press briefing by Vice President Albert Gore and Attorney General Janet